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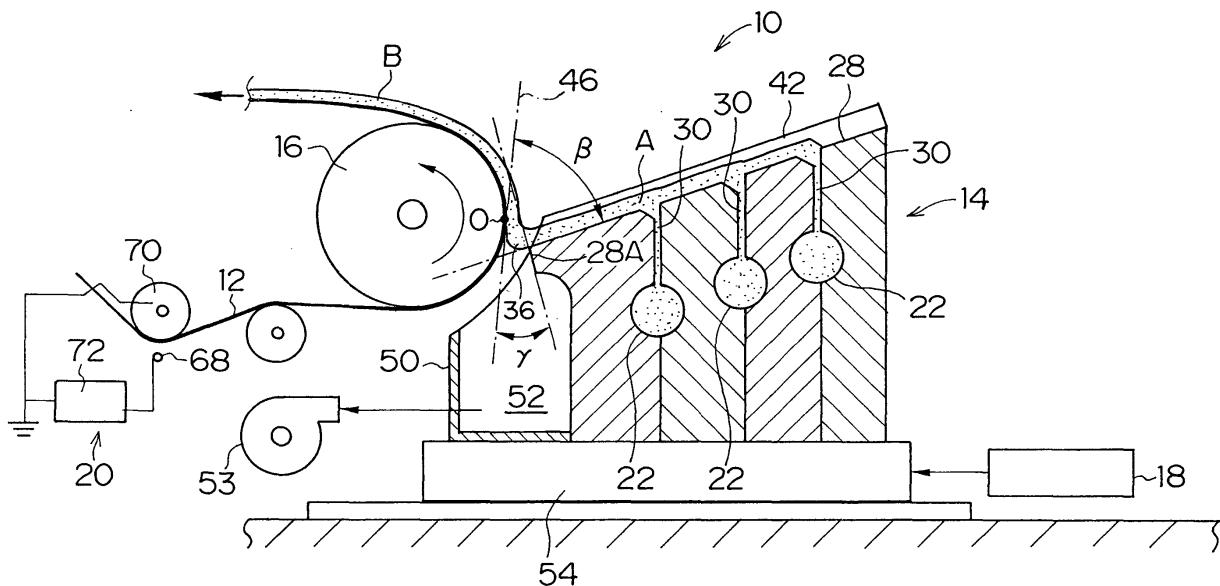
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(54) Coating method and apparatus for heat-development photo-sensitive material

(57) Each coating liquid is supplied from a first end (a) of each manifold (22) to a second end (b) of the manifold (22), and pressure loss of each coating liquid flowing through each supply slot (30) becomes smaller from the first end (a) to the second end (b) so as to cancel

the pressure loss of the coating liquid flowing through the manifold (22). Each supply slot (30) becomes shorter from the first end (a) to the second end (b). This makes the liquid amount uniform along the width of the supply slot (30) (coating width), and thus the layers (A) can be well formed without defects.

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